

# Modal Verbs

Modal verbs are a type of auxiliary or 'helper' verb. They are used alongside a main verb and alter the meaning of a sentence.

**They can be used in different ways.**

## To show intent:

I **might** go to the park after school.

I **will** go to the park after school.

*will*

*could*

*can*

*shall*

**Modal verbs can also be used with the word 'not'.**

I **will not** go to the park after school.

*might*

*ought to*

*have to*

## To show obligation:

You **must** walk the dog.

You **have to** walk the dog.

*would*

## To show possibility:

It **may** snow later.

It **might** snow later.

*must*

*should*

## To show ability:

A kangaroo **can** jump.

An elephant **cannot** jump.

## Did you know...?

**Modal verbs can be used to create a question by swapping the order of the words in the sentence.**

Children **should** tidy up after themselves.

**Should** children tidy up after themselves?

*may*